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calendar

Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I

- through March 2, Brainard Gallery

All-Student Show

- March 1 - 30, Main Galleries

Awards Reception: All-Student Show

- Sunday, March 2, 2-4pm

Speak! Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Dogs

- March 7 - April 19, Brainard Gallery

Exhibition Reception: *Speak!*

- Sunday, March 16, 2-4pm

Teacher's Meeting: *Speak!*

- Tuesday, March 18, 7pm

Visiting Artist Lecture: Scott Anderson

- Wednesday, March 19, 7pm

Poetry Reading: Bruce Guernsey

- Thursday, March 20, 4pm

Concert: EIU Jazz Combos (tentative)

- Thursday, March 20, 7:30pm

Women's History & Awareness Month Performances & Awards

- Sunday, March 23, 2pm

Visiting Artist Lecture: Robert Horvath

- Monday, March 24, 7pm

Recital: EIU Prep Program

- Friday, March 28, 4pm

Chamber Music: *Sung with Strings Attached: Violoncello Bel Canto*

- Sunday, March 30, 3pm

exhibitions

Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I

- through March 2, Brainard Gallery

Mr. Imagination creates art out of discards and found objects. He is known nationally and internationally for his bottle cap staffs and thrones, paint brush portraits, and carved sandstone sculpture. A self-taught artist, Mr. Imagination's work has been exhibited at the Terra Museum and Hammer Gallery in Chicago, as part of the Paris exhibition *Art Outsider et Folk Arts des Collections de Chicago*, and most recently in a solo show at the Society for Contemporary Craft Gallery in Pittsburgh. He is represented in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution (Washington, D.C.) and the American Folk Art Museum (New York City), and was commissioned to create installations in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympic Games, at Walt Disney World, at Lehigh University (Pennsylvania), and for the House of Blues clubs in Chicago, Las Vegas, and Orlando. Last year Mr. I moved from Chicago to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to become a part of the burgeoning art scene developing there.

2003 All-Student Show

- March 1-30, Main Galleries

Art in all media representing the various studio areas taught through the EIU Art Department will be presented in this competitive exhibition. Students at Eastern who have taken at least one undergraduate studio art course are eligible to enter. The works to be exhibited, as well as the Best-Of-Show and media Merit Awards will be selected by a panel of jurors made up of: Andy Conklin, painter and a member of

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Chicago's Windy City Arts organization; Nancy Gardner, curator, editor, and emeritus faculty, University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana; and Al Grivetti, graphic designer on the Art faculty of Clark College, Dubuque, Iowa. This exhibition traditionally includes painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, metals, ceramics, fibers, graphic design, 2-D and 3-D design, computer animation, digital prints on canvas, and photography. The awards reception is Sunday, March 2nd, with presentations at 2:30pm.

Speak! Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Dogs

- *March 7 - April 19, Brainard Gallery*

Speak! presents original art by thirty-two well known children's book illustrators, including Wendell Minor (also an author, editor, and the creator of the book on which this exhibition is based), Tim Bowers, Steven Kellogg, Ted Rand, Karen Barbor, Victoria Chess, Alice Provensen, and Steven Guamaccia. A special Teacher's Guide for the exhibition is available at no cost, as are guided tours of the exhibition. Area teachers are encouraged to make use of this unique exhibition program. *Speak!* is on loan from the Mazza Collection of original art work by illustrators of children's books. The Mazza Collection was established by Dr. August C. Mazza and his late wife Aleda Pfof Mazza for the University of Findlay (Ohio). The collection contains over 1,000 pieces. It has earned the distinction of being the world's only teaching gallery specializing in art from children's books. All artwork has either been donated or purchased with donated funds. The purpose of the Mazza Collection is to encourage and develop an understanding of art in children's literature, to develop children's creativity and their aesthetic awareness in picture books, and to enhance children's learning skills and increase their capabilities in other subject areas through the arts. This exhibition is made possible by a special gift from EIU alumni Mariann and Charles Younger (both class of 1954).

events

Docent Meeting

- *Monday, March 17, 10am-noon*

The meeting will consist of tours of the 2003 All Student Show and *Speak! Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Dogs*. For information please phone Kit Morice at 581-2787.

Teacher's Meeting: *Speak! Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Dogs*

- *Tuesday, March 18, 7pm*

Area school teachers are invited to attend this meeting to learn how *Speak!* can be used to encourage reading and to receive a copy of the *Speak! Teacher's Guide*. The guide is full of information and suggested activities that can also be adapted to other programs. This meeting is co-sponsored with the EIU Reading Center, Student Reading Council, and Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education Department. This is a free program. Call 217/581-ARTS (-2787) or e-mail cfmw@eiu.edu for information.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Robert Horvath

- *Wednesday, March 19, 7pm*

Painter Robert Horvath will talk about his art. He holds an MFA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; co-sponsored with the EIU Art Department.

Poetry Reading: Bruce Guernsey

- *Thursday, March 20, 4pm*

Bruce Guernsey is a widely published, nationally recognized poet and essayist whose work appears in the very best literary magazines and journals. He has presented readings of his poetry and poetry-related lectures at more than 40 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. He has published several volumes of poetry, as well as over 200 poems, stories, and essays. A Professor of English at EIU, Guernsey was named EIU's Distinguished Faculty Award Winner for 2001. He also has received multiple Faculty Excellence awards, has been selected for Senior Fulbright Lectureships in both Greece and Portugal, was twice Eastern's nominee for the Carnegie Foundation's U.S. Professor of the Year Award and stands as Eastern's only Board of Governors Universities Distinguished Professor. Guernsey received his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. This reading is sponsored by the EIU English Department.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Scott Anderson

- *Monday, March 24, 7pm*

Painter Scott Anderson draws from the natural and man-made landscape to suggest a reexamination of contemporary social, political, and moral systems. Using skewed perspective, Anderson creates sweeping expanses of color punctuated by recognizable

Color in Northern Renaissance and Baroque Engravings, including a monumental 12-foot-high colored version of Albrecht Dürer's *Triumphal Arch*. Docent tours will be provided at both institutions. In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Gene Harrison and his Art 3410 students for assisting with the *Spring 2003 Junior-Senior High Enrichment Program*, based on the work of Mr. Imagination. A good time was had by all as students toured Mr. I's exhibition and created found object assemblage sculpture in the Tarble classroom.

-- Kit Morice

upcoming for april

Graduate Art Exhibition • April 5 - 27 • Reception • Sunday, April 6, 2-4pm

High School Writing Awards Reading • April 11, 11am

Poetry Reading: Rodney Jones • April 16, 4pm

Recital: EIU Prep Program • April 26, 4pm

Bo Breda Solo Exhibition • April 25 - June 1, Brainard Gallery

Chamber Theatre: Clarence Blanchett as Mark Twain • April 25-27

information

Hours: 10am-5pm Tues.-Fri., 10am-4pm Sat., 1-4pm Sun.; closed Mondays and holidays.

Admission: Admission is free except as noted. Parking: Free visitor parking in 9th Street lot.

Location: South 9th Street at Cleveland Avenue, Eastern Illinois University campus, Charleston

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